

THE WHITE HOUSE

April 16, 2009

The Honorable Steve Cohen
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Cohen:

I wanted to write to thank you for your letter. The issue of infant mortality is indeed an incredibly important one, and I appreciate that you wrote to me about it.

This issue underscores need for comprehensive health care reform. As the President has said, health care reform cannot wait and it must not wait.

I commend you for your leadership in Congress on this issue, as well as your work in Memphis to lower your city's infant mortality rate. Our country needs your leadership.

Thank you again for your letter, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michelle Obama". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" and the last name "Obama" clearly distinguishable.